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6 William IV – Chapter 6

An Act to amend and extend the Provisions of an Act, intituled “An Act for making a Rail-Road from Lake Champlain to the River Saint Lawrence.” (21st March, 1836.)

Whereas by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty William the Fourth, intituled, “An Act for making a Rail-Road from Lake-Champlain to the River Saint Lawrence,” which said Act has been amended and extended by a certain Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His Majesty, intituled, “An Act to amend and extend the Provisions of an Act, intituled, ‘An Act for making a Rail-Road from Lake Champlain to the River Saint Lawrence,’” certain persons, in the said Act named and designated, were united into a Company, for the carrying on, making, completing and maintaining a Rail-Road, to be called the “Champlain and Saint Lawrence Rail-Road,” according to the rules, orders and directions in the said Act expressed, and were for that purpose declared to be one body politic and corporate, under the name of “The Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and Saint Lawrence Rail-Road.” And Whereas for the purpose of increasing the public benefit to be expected from the said Act, and to afford a more easy, cheap, safe, and expeditious conveyance for all goods, chattels, wares, commodities and passengers from the navigable waters of Lake Champlain to the City of Montreal; and generally to facilitate and promote the Trade of this Province;— It is expedient to extend the provisions of the said Act, and to confer upon the said Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and Saint Lawrence Rail-Road, the right to hold a Ferry, and to transport, carry and convey all goods, chattels, wares, commodities and passengers across the River Saint Lawrence to and from the Harbour of Montreal:—Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, “An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, ‘An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,’ and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;” And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that in addition to all and every the rights, privileges and powers granted and conferred upon the said Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and Saint Lawrence Rail-Road, by the said Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty William the Fourth, chapter fifty-eight, the said Company of Proprietors shall be and hereby are authorized, empowered and entitled as one body politic and corporate to transport, carry and convey for hire, all goods, chattels, wares, commodities and passengers of whatever kind or description, across the River Saint Lawrence from the wharf or wharves by them erected or acquired, or to be hereafter erected or acquired, according to the provisions of the said Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty William the Fourth, and for that purpose to hold a Ferry, and to possess, employ and use such steam-boat or steam-boats, barge or barges, boat or boats,

and other vessels, which the said Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and Saint Lawrence Rail-Road may deem convenient and useful for the said Ferry, and for the transportation, carriage and conveyance of goods, chattels, wares, commodities and passengers across the said River Saint Lawrence, subject nevertheless to the provisions and limitations hereinafter expressed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and Saint Lawrence Rail-Road, and they are hereby empowered from time, and at all times to ask, demand, and take, sue for, recover and receive to the proper use, benefit and behoof, of the said Company of Proprietors, for the transportation, carriage and conveyance of all goods, chattels, wares, commodities and passengers across the said River Saint Lawrence; as ferriage, passage money, or freight, the several sums of money following, that is to say:—

Tariff of Freight, including Wharfage:

Ashes, per barrel—Ten Pence,
Apples, per barrel—Four Pence,
Butter, per keg—Two Pence,
Brooms, per dozen—Two Pence,
Buffalo Robes, per bale—Seven Pence,
Cart, Horse, and Man—Two Shillings and Six Pence.
Double Waggon, loaded—Five Shillings,
Light—Three Shillings and Nine Pence,
Caleche, Horse, and Man—Two Shillings and Six Pence,
Single Waggon and Man—Two Shillings and Six Pence,
Earthenware, per crate—Three Shillings,
And other crates in proportion,
Candles and Soap, per box—Two Pence,
Cheese, per box or cask—Seven Pence Half-penny.

CATTLE.

Oxen, each—One Shilling and Three Pence,
Calves, each—Three Pence,
Sheep, each—Two Pence,
Horses, each—One Shilling and Three Pence,
Hogs, each—Four Pence Half-penny.

GRAIN.

Wheat, per minot—A Half-penny,
Oats, per minot—A Half-penny,
Other kinds—A Half-penny,
Coals, per chaldron—Seven Shillings and Six Pence,
Glass, per box—Four Pence,

Hops, per bag—One Shilling,
Hides, green, each—Two Pence,
Hides, dry, per hundred—Six Shillings and Three Pence,
Iron, per ton—Five Shillings,
Sheet Iron, per box—Four Pence,
Leather, per roll—Four Pence,
Molasses, per puncheon—Two Shillings and Nine Pence,

Nails, per keg—Six Pence,
Oil, per hogshead—One Shilling and Six Pence,
Oil, per barrel—Nine Pence,
Rags, per bag—One Shilling,
Stoves, double—Two Shillings and Six Pence,
Stoves, single—One Shilling and Three Pence,
Beef, Port, and Fish, per barrel—Six Pence,
Flour, per barrel—Five Pence,
Boards, one inch, per thousand feet—Three Shillings,
Plant, three inch, per hundred pieces—Six Shillings,
Scantling, per hundred feet—Four Shillings,
Shingles, per pack—Five Pence,
Paint, per keg—One Penny,
Pipes, per box—Four Pence,
Powder, per keg, of twenty-five pounds—One Shilling and Three Pence,
Rice, per tierce—One Shilling,
Rosin, per barrel—Four Pence,
Rum, per puncheon—Two Shillings and Six Pence,
Raisins, per box—A Half-penny,
Salt, per bag—Three Pence,
Sugar, per hogshead—Four Shillings,
Tallow, per tierce—Ten Pence,
Tallow, per barrel—Five Pence,
Tobacco, per hogshead—Three Shillings and Six Pence,
Wines, per pipe—Two Shillings and Six Pence,
Wines, per hogshead—One Shilling and Three Pence,
Other Merchandize, not enumerated, per ton—Four Shillings,
Passengers, with baggage, not exceeding thirty pounds weight, one shilling,
Passengers, without baggage—Seven Pence Half-penny, and Children, half price.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and Saint Lawrence Rail-Road, to cause the Steam-Boats, Boats, Barges, or other Vessels to be by them employed in and about the said Ferry, to land at and make use of the Public Wharves in the Port and Harbour of Montreal, in common with all other persons, subject only to the conditions and restrictions provided for the regulation of the said Port or Harbour.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the present Act shall not in any manner affect, change, or vary the herein before mentioned Act, passed, in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty William the Fourth, save and except in so far as is herein specially mentioned and provided; and the said Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and Saint Lawrence Rail-Road as one body politic and corporate, shall be and remain invested with and entitled to all and every the powers, rights and privileges, and subject in all respects to the rules, regulations, and provisions in and by the said Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty William the Fourth, granted, established and contained.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to confer upon the said Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and Saint Lawrence Rail-Road, any exclusive right of Ferry or in any manner or way whatsoever, to affect the rights of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any body or bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, such only excepted as are herein mentioned.

VI. And whereas a clerical error has crept into the thirty-fifth Section of the Act hereby amended and continued, which might create doubts and embarrass the said Company in their operations; Be it therefore declared and further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Meetings mentioned in the said Section are not "Biennial" Meetings as therein expressed, but "half yearly" Meetings, to be regulated by the provisions of the said Act.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of, by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and others, without being specially pleaded.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Company shall enjoy the privileges, granted by this Act, so long as they shall continue to enjoy the privileges granted them by the two Acts herein above cited and no longer.